Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not follow "What does regarding supplies" means?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether regarding the things that have been supplied for the use of the depressed classes, there was any complaint that the articles that they supplied were unsatisfactory or were damaged articles?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There were several complaints.

REFUGEES FROM MALAYA AND BURMA—RELIEF OF

62. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received from refugees from Malaya and Burma for relief, by the District Magistrate up to 32nd Edavam 1117;

(*b*) what action was taken in the matter?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) 50 applications for registering names for employment and 78 for financial assistance from evacuees and the dependents of those who are stranded in the Far East due to enemy action.

(*b*) The names of all the applicants for employment have been registered. Their case has been represented to all employers of labour, A.R.P. organisations, etc., such as big industrial concerns, important factories, plantations, Aided Schools, Colleges, Cochin Harbour works, South Indian Railway and other important concerns in the State where vacancies may occur for their employment. Out of the 50 persons registered, 10 have been employed, most of them being in the Harbour and the Trichur A.R.P. Office. The employers have promised to entertain the evacuees as far as possible whenever vacancies occur.

1.	Total number of applications for financial assistance received till the end of Edavam 1117	78
2.	No. in which enquiries were completed up-to-date	73
3.	No. of cases rejected after enquiry	36
4.	No. of cases reported to Government for orders	37
5.	No. of cases in which payment is sanctioned by Government	32
6.	No. of cases pending orders of Government	5
7.	No. of cases pending enquiry	5

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: It is stated that in 32 cases, the payment has been sanctioned. May I know what is the amount in each case?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It varies between Rs. 45 and Rs. 150.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Are these evacuees all Cochinites?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Mostly Cochinites.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the highest amount sanctioned?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The highest amount sanctioned is Rs. 150.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the lowest amount?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The lowest amount is Rs. 45.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Are these payments in a lump sum or recurring?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is paid in a lump.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know what will be the finding of the enquiry in the number of cases rejected after enquiry? Is it because they have no *bona-fides* or they are in a position to help themselves?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The District Magistrate makes the enquiries regarding the financial condition of the evacuees. If the financial condition is good, there is no necessity for making these advances. He will recommend only such cases in which, on enquiry, he is satisfied that some financial assistance is necessary.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the finding with regard to this is invariably that they can get on without financial assistance?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Where there is no real necessity to advance any loan, the District Magistrate will report so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, whether the Government are aware that a large number of people have evacuated from Ceylon and other places.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The question does not arise.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : That has also been referred to the Government of India to know whether any help is due to them.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : Are these applicants Cochinites ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Most of them are Cochinites. It is only to Cochinites that money has been advanced so far.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Under what head does the payment come?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : Under Advances Recoverable.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)* : Have the Government known that a brahmin evacuee woman was refused any payment because she was living with her father who is unable to support her ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Wherever the District Magistrate has reported that there is no need to give any advance, that case has been refused.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : In the cases of advances recoverable are these advances made on security ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : They execute bonds and the amount is paid only in instalments. At the time of each instalment, the District Magistrate reviews of any future instalment is required. Suppose a person is employed after the first instalment, then the second instalment need not be paid to him ard he must repay the first instalment. It is an advance that is recoverable and that is why it is shown under "Advances Recoverable."

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : May I know what the Government would do in the cases which have become actually not possible to recover ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : That question does not arise now.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : It will be recovered by taking proceedings under the Revenue Recovery Act.

KEROSENE OIL—SALES OF—ARTICLE IN THE "SNEHITHAN"

63. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have noted an article by "a citizen" under the caption "മണ്ണെണ്ണയുടെകാര്യം" (The kerosene oil affair) on page 1, in the weekly called "സ്നേഹിതൻ" *(Snehithan)* published on the 15th of Mithunam 1117 ;

(*b*) whether Government be pleased to inform the House their decision on the proposal contained in that article ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Municipal Councils are running kerosene oil depots for retail sales in the several towns except Chittur and Tattamangalam. Government have ordered the sale of kerosene in retail in all the Government Rice Depots wherever there are no Municipalities.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will the Government be pleased to extend the Panchayats also—at least one kerosene oil depot in each Panchayat ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The scheme which I have now under preparation for the distribution of kerosene oil is one by which I think I will be able to supply every village. I have issued orders to select two merchants from each village and to fix the number of tins which ought to be supplied to that village. I am arranging for the distribution of tins in this way from the quota which these sub-agents get. If we succeed in that, there will not be any necessity to give a kerosene oil depot to the Panchayats.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)* : When does the Government propose to extend distribution of kerosene oil to the villages ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : It may take a few days.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)* : Have the Government got the quota of kerosene oil ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Government have not got any quota of kerosene oil.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)* : Suppose the sub-agents refuse to give kerosene oil.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : I do not think any sub-agent will refuse to accept our proposition.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Government apprehend that the kerosene oil that will be supplied by the companies will not be sufficient for the consumption of the people ?

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